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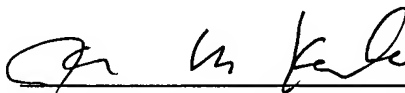
REMARKS

Applicant is providing a hard copy of the Patent Specification to reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers Dated August 9, 2004 so that the chemical diagrams (drawings) are on appropriate paper to provide full and complete reproducibility. This Notice to File Corrected Application Papers along with a Fee Transmittal authorizing the payment of additional fees of \$108 is attached hereto. Also, the Applicant's Patent Specification is amended for clarity and consistency to provide a cross-reference to the related applications to comport with the prior claim of priority that is listed in the Filing Receipt dated August 9, 2004, which is also attached hereto as Appendix A.

In view of the above, it is respectfully believed that all the presently submitted claims are allowable and a Formal Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner feels otherwise, a telephone interview with the undersigned Applicants' attorney is respectfully requested. An early notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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